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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FRG MINISTER EHMKE - OFFSET; R&D
COOPERATION

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1. DEPT (EUR, SCI) MET FEB 28 WITH AEC, NSF, DOI, FEO
REPS RE EHMKE VISIT, AND ENERGY R&D COOPERATION. AGENCIES
PREPARED TO EXPLORE WITH MINISTER EHMKE IN A POSITIVE
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MANNER POSSIBILITIES FOR R&D COOPERATION IN ENERGY AND

OTHER AREAS. IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST FUTURE COOPERATION WITH GERMANY CERTAINLY FORESEEN. USG AGENCIES AWARE THAT GERMANY HAS TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY AND EXPERIENCE WHICH COULD BENEFIT US IN SEVERAL AREAS; E.G. COAL TECHNOLOGY. POSSIBILITY OF OFFSET FUNDING ADDS TO ATTRACTIVENESS.

2. ON QUESTION OF CONTEXT OF ENERGY R&D COOPERATION, US APPROACH TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE FORESEE COOPERATION WITH FRG IN BILATERAL AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL MODES. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT ALL ENERGY R&D WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES MUST BE MULTILATERAL. HOWEVER, WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN HOW EHMKE FORSEES PARTICIPATION OF EC COUNTRIES AND COMMISSION IN AREAS OF INTEREST HE HAS PINPOINTED FOR FRG. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WILL NOTE OUR SATISFACTION THAT THE FRG AGREES THAT US/FRG

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY CAN BE ORGANIZED ON BASIS OF THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE OF FEB. 10-13 (THIS LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN FRG SUGGESTED DRAFT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON EHMKE VISIT). FYI. GERMAN EMBASSY ADVISED DEPT THAT THEY CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL TO PRESERVE TWO POINTS IN TEXT: (1) EHMKE VISIT LONG PLANNED AND (2) REFERENCES TO US/EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND FRG IN EC CONTEXT. END FYI.

3. DEPT OF INTERIOR WILL BE ABLE TO TELL MINISTER EHMKE THAT THEY HAVE EXAMINED LIST OF PROPOSED COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES SUBMITTED BY GERMANS AFTER SCHMIDT-KUESTER VISIT AND HAVE IDENTIFIED SOME SPECIFIC INTERESTS AND WILL BE PREPARED TO FOLLOW UP. INTERIOR ALSO INTERESTED IN OFFSET COOPERATION.

4. EHMKE NOW SCHEDULED TO SEE ACTG. SEC. CASEY, AND MR. SONNENFELDT; ALSO SECRETARY MORTON, NASA ADMINISTRATOR FLETCHER, DR. STEVER, FEO DIRECTOR SIMON, CHAIRMAN RAY, EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN, POSTMASTER GENERAL CLASSEN AND SEN. KENNEDY. TIMING OF ALL VISITS NOT ENTIRELY FIXED. SCHEDULE BEING HANDLED, EXCEPT FOR DEPT, BY FRG EMBASSY. CASEY
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